

# COLORADO WATER PLAN UPDATE

WATER RESOURCES REVIEW COMMITTEE

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**COLORADO**  
Colorado Water  
Conservation Board  
Department of Natural Resources



# THE BOARD. THE MISSION. THE PLAN.

- The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) helps provide policy direction on water.
- There are many agencies and groups we work with on policy and projects – we do not build projects.
- The 2015 Colorado Water Plan was meant to be a living document with interval updates.

## MISSION:

*“To conserve,  
develop, protect  
and manage  
Colorado’s water  
for present and  
future generations.”*



AGRICULTURE



WATERSHED



EDUCATION



SUPPLY



LAND USE



STORAGE



FUNDING



CONSERVATION



ADDITIONAL



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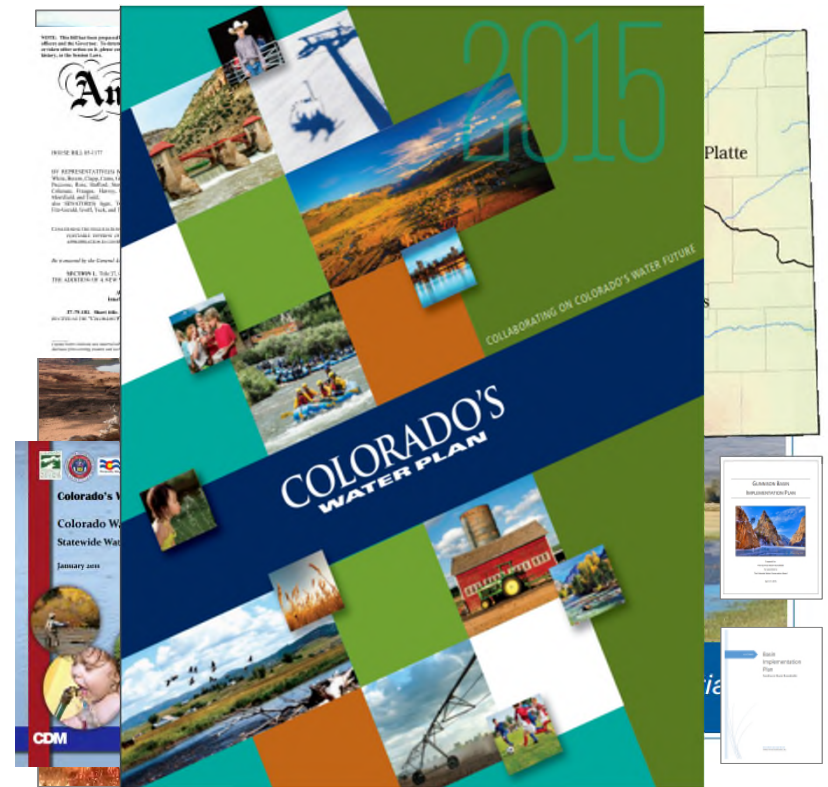
Every day, **the CWCB**  
**is focused on**  
**implementing the**  
**Colorado Water Plan.**

Implementation, though, is a statewide effort and we marvel at the actions, great and small, that water stakeholders have accomplished since the Water Plan was issued.

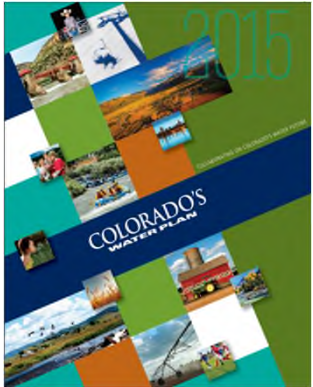
-BECKY MITCHELL  
CWCB DIRECTOR

# THE ROOTS OF THE COLORADO WATER PLAN

- 2002 drought and fire spur the legislature to create a **statewide water supply initiative** in 2004 (*with subsequent updates*).
- 2005 HB-1177 creates 9 basin roundtables who ultimately create **Basin Implementation Plans**.
- 2013 drought concerns highlight the need for a **Colorado Water Plan** (launched in 2015).



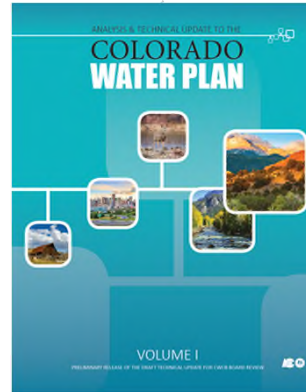
# INCLUSIVE PLANNING SINCE 2015



**2015**

- **Creation of Water Plan Grants**
- **Technical Advisory Groups**
- **Implementation Working Group**

**2017**



**2019**

• **BIP UPDATES**

**2018-2021**

• **WATER PLAN UPDATE**

**2019-2022**

# BIP OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

## BASIN IMPLEMENTATION PLANS



**October 13, 2021  
Comment Period Opens**



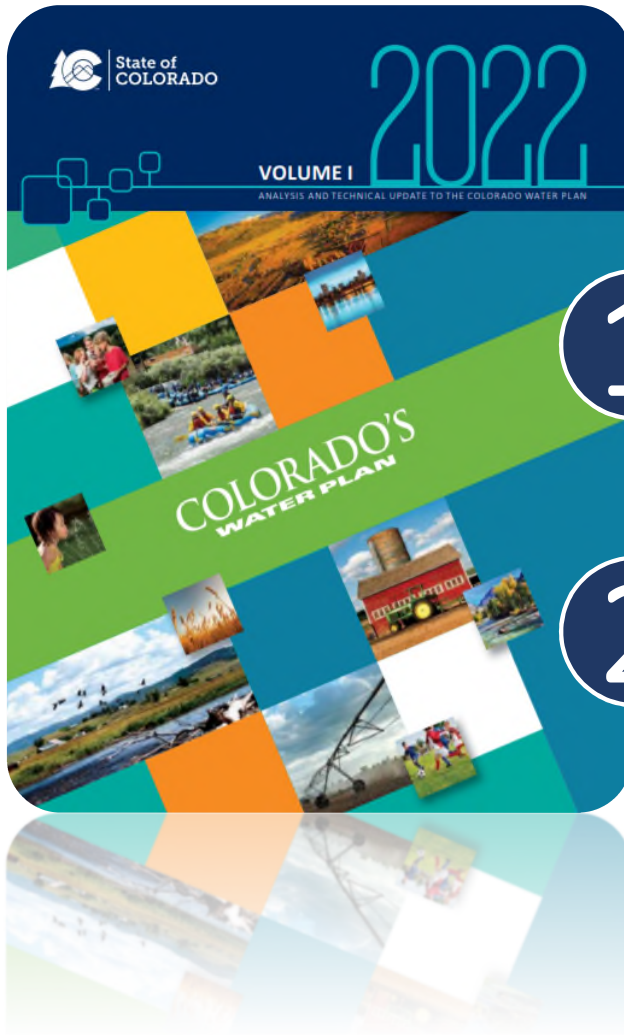
**November 15, 2021  
Comment Period Closes**



**January 31, 2022  
BIPs Finalized**

*View BIPs and submit comments at [engageCWCB.org](https://engageCWCB.org).*





## WHAT IS THE WATER PLAN?

1

### A SHARED VISION FOR COLORADO

- Sets the stage for collaboration, resilience and mitigating risk
- Shines a light on critical state water issues

2

### A STRATEGY FOR CWCB

- A CWCB planning document
- Highlights agency opportunities for leadership

# CREATING A LINE OF SIGHT

**1** A productive economy that supports vibrant and sustainable cities, agriculture, recreation and tourism.

**2** Efficient and effective water infrastructure.

**3** A strong environment with healthy watersheds, rivers, streams and wildlife.

“CWCB established the roots of the water plan when Colorado experienced extreme drought in 2002 and 2003.”

- Colorado Water Plan

**ACTION-FOCUSED / INCREASINGLY ACCESSIBLE / SIMPLIFIED ACTION AREAS**



# WATER PLAN VALUES

VIBRANT  
COMMUNITIES

ACTIONS

ROBUST  
AGRICULTURE

ACTIONS

THRIVING  
WATERSHEDS

ACTIONS

RESILIENT  
PLANNING

ACTIONS



FUNDING



CONSERVATION



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WATERSHED



ADDITIONAL

## MAINTAINING A LIVING DOCUMENT

**VOLUME 2  
HISTORIC  
CONTEXT**

**~ 600 Pages**

**Online**

**VOLUME 1  
ACTIONABLE  
STRATEGY**

**~ 200 Pages**

**Printed**

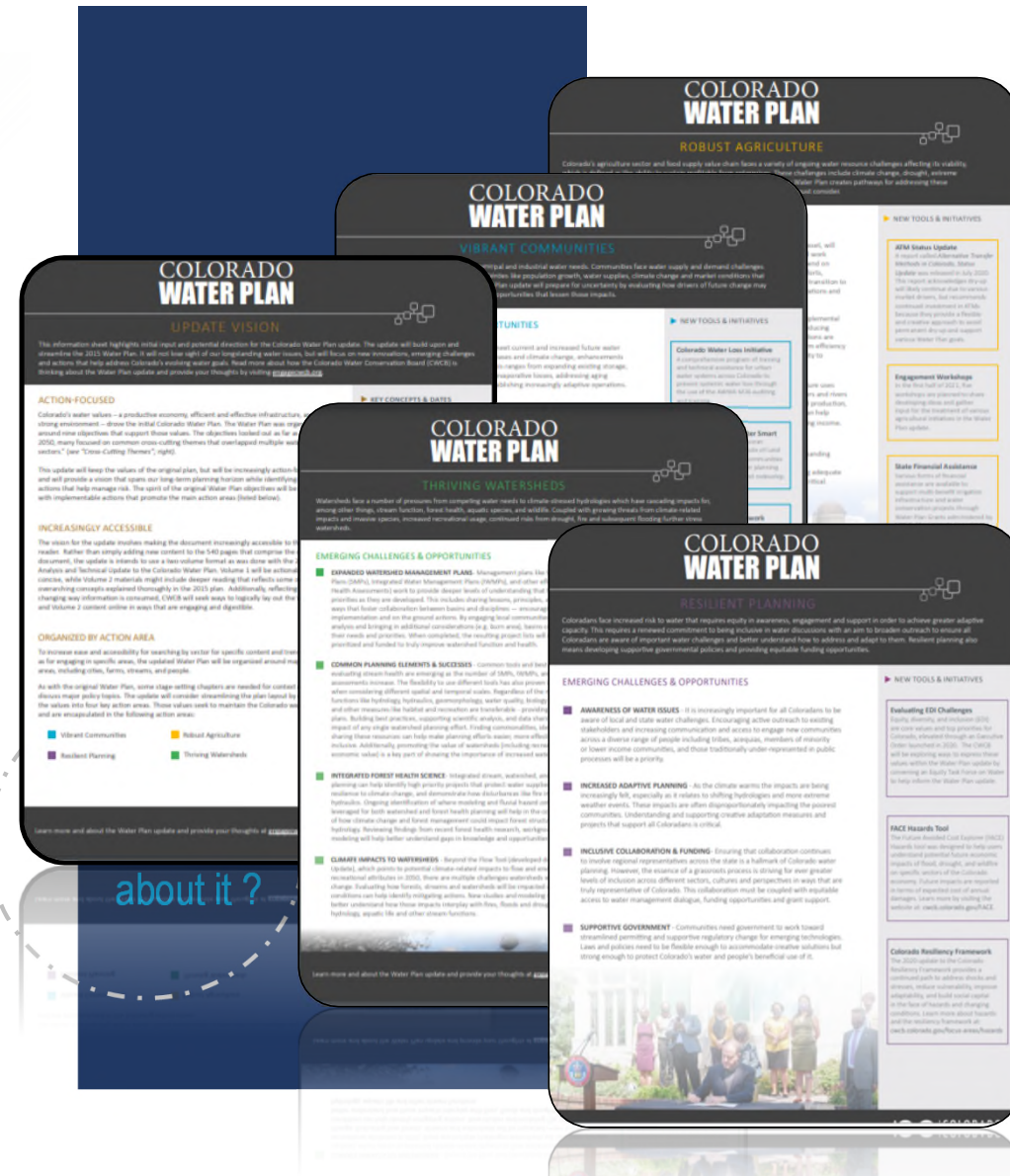
**Online**

# THE LAYOUT

## WHAT IS AN ACTION?

### Example Sideboards for Actions:

- Within CWCB's direct control or direct influence.
- Does not speak for other agencies or groups but embraces them as partners.
- Achievable by 2030 (8 years).





# HORIZONS

*Mitigating our shared future risks as Colorado looks beyond 2030.*

- **Multifaceted solution**
- **Broad implications**
- **Needs research or input**
- **CWCB can't do it alone**





## **-SCOPING**

*JUNE 2020 – JUNE 2021*

**15** Events

**20** Partnerships

**1,231** Participants

## **-DRAFTING**

*JULY 2021 – JUNE 2022*

**JUNE 30 '22**

**draft update released**

## **-PUBLIC COMMENT**

*JUNE 30, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2022*

**90 DAY ROLLOUT**

**& Water Plan Public Comment Period**

The Water Plan Update is expected to be complete by December 2022 with CWCB Board Approval in January 2023.

## COORDINATION IN STATUTE

**Notify** the water resources review committee of any proposed significant amendments to the plan, as determined by the board, **by June 1** of any year in which the amendment is proposed to be adopted and **present** the proposed amendment to the committee **by August 1** of that year and **consider the committee's feedback by November 1** of that year.





# THE 2022 ROLLOUT

## 9 x Roundtable Meetings

- One for each roundtable.

## 4 x Listening Session

- One for each area of the update.

## 2 x Board Meetings

- July and September.

## Other Event Examples

- GOAL: 100 public meetings by December 2022.
- EX 1: Colorado Water Congress Hearing.
- EX 2: County-level presentations, booths, etc.
- EX 3: WRRRC Committee Presentation.

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# NEAR-TERM OPPORTUNITIES

## PUBLIC AWARENESS SURVEY ON WATER

THROUGH DEC 15, 2021

## BASIN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

THROUGH NOV 15, 2021

## THE WATER 2022 OUTREACH EFFORT “*YEAR OF WATER*”

JAN 2022 – DEC 2022

## CWCB BOARD WORKSHOP

JAN 25, 2022 (*Tentative w/ CWC*)

## 90 DAY ROLLOUT & PUBLIC COMMENTS

JUNE 30, 2022 – SEPT 30, 2022

## WRRC WATER PLAN INPUT

BY NOV 1, 2022 (*Ideally Sept 30*)



# QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

